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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 and 8-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6 and 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1, 3, 4 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Smith, Jr. (3,911,907).

1. As to claims 1, 3, 4 and 8, Smith discloses a twist exerciser comprising a base (20), a handle (27), a rotary member (22) and a platform having a seat (36) and a cover (21) that includes an opening formed therein to receive said rotary member (22) such that the rotary member is rotatable relative to the platform when the platform is rotated relative to the base (see Figs. 1, 5 & 7).

Claim 1-5 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hwang (5,632,711).

2. As to claims 1-4, Hwang discloses a twist exerciser comprising a base (11), a handle (1212), a rotary member (A) having a pad (155), and a platform having a seat (top of 151) and a cover (15) that includes an opening formed therein to receive said rotary member (A) such that the rotary member is rotatable relative to the platform when the platform is rotated relative to the base (see Fig. 4 and Appendix 1, Examiner's Version of Fig. 3).

3. As to claims 5 and 8-10, Hwang discloses an exercise device as described above (see discussion of claims 1-4). Hwang further discloses that the exerciser includes a means (13) for applying resistance to the platform and a handle (1212) rotatably secured on said base with an axle (at the top of upright bars 114,115) and means (14) for coupling the handle to the platform (see Fig. 3).

Claims 1 and 8-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chuang (US 2004/0097337 A1).

4. As to claims 1 and 8-11, Chuang discloses an exercise device as substantially claimed (see Figs. 1, 2, 8 & 9).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 6 and 7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tam Nguyen whose telephone number is 703-305-0784. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Lucchese can be reached on 703-308-2698. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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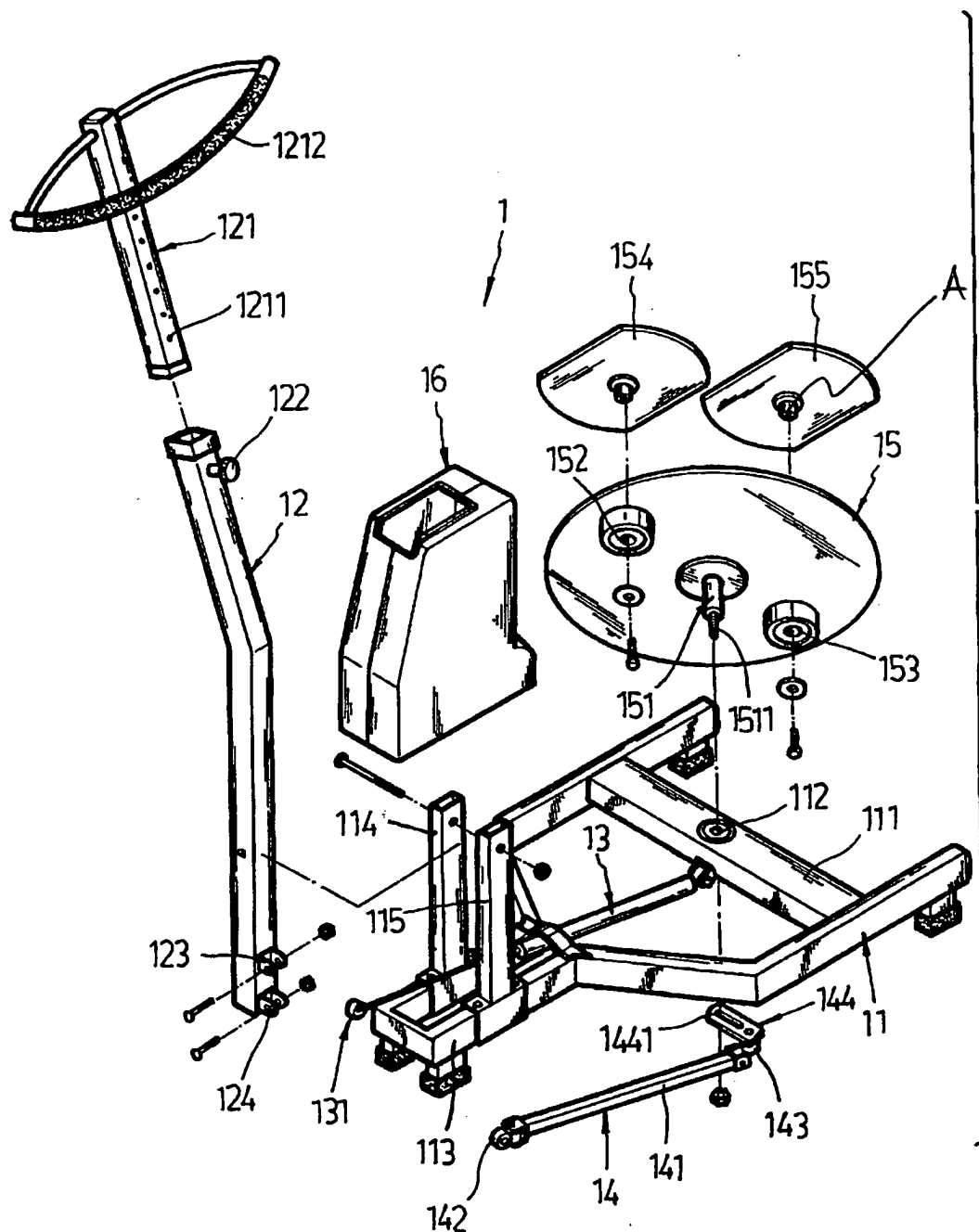


FIG. 3